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Dear DOJ,

As a software developer who watched Microsoft ruthlessly destroy Netscape, and who is currently watching Microsoft employ similar tactics to unfairly compete with Real Networks, I am shocked at the proposed settlement. These are just the segments of the market that I happen to follow; I suspect that Microsoft employs similar unfair monopoly tactics in other market segments. Please see that justice is carried out by creating a settlement that fairly punishes Microsoft for abusing its monopoly position. Note that any settlement that "punishes" Microsoft by requiring it to distribute its software (to schools, etc.) is absurd in the context of dealing with a monopoly.

If Microsoft refuses to accept a reasonable settlement, then please move forward with the court case.

Sincerely,  
Rick Fister

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